

ROMANS 5

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Romans 5:1-21

Rom 5:1 Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 5:3 And not only so, but we also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh stedfastness;

Rom 5:4 and stedfastness, approvedness; and approvedness, hope:

Rom 5:5 and hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us.

Rom 5:6 For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through him.

Rom 5:10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life;

Rom 5:11 and not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Rom 5:12 Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned:--

Rom 5:13 for until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a figure of him that was to come.

Rom 5:15 But not as the trespass, so also is the free gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound unto the many.

Rom 5:16 And not as through one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment came of one unto condemnation, but the free gift came of many trespasses unto justification.

Rom 5:17 For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; much more shall they that receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, even Jesus Christ.

Rom 5:18 So then as through one trespass the judgment came unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness the free gift came unto all men to justification of life.

Rom 5:19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one shall the many be made righteous.

Rom 5:20 And the law came in besides, that the trespass might abound; but where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly:

Rom 5:21 that, as sin reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECAPPING ROMANS 1-3

Romans 1-3 found us guilty before the courts of God's law, God's glory, and our own conscience. Then Paul explained that because of what Jesus did for us, the righteousness of God is given to all who believe. The guilty sentence is transformed into a sentence of justified, and justified by faith.

RECAPPING ROMANS 4

Roman 4 we saw that Abraham was not justified because of what he did, but because he believed God. God gave Abraham the promise of a son and the Messiah that would come through his descendants, and God fulfilled it. Abraham could not boast at all, because God did it all.

LIVING AT PEACE WITH GOD

Rom 5:1 Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

As people we cannot live at peace with ourselves if we are at war with God. How can we have peace with God? By accepting and believing in the way that God chose to save us from sin.

Rejection of the Bible is not academic, it is the reflection of the hatred of God and what it means to be fallen. It's got to do with nature.

TWO TYPES OF PEACE

- a. We have the **peace of God** - Phil 4:7. God gives us a peace in our hearts.

- b. We have **peace with God** through, Jesus. We are no longer enemies with God. Why? Because we accepted God's terms for peace, namely Jesus. Our prior relationship with God is that being enemies of God (Rom 5:10). The unsaved are enemies in who they are and what they believe, nevertheless, Jesus died for his enemies. Christ died for the ungodly – we did not earn Christ's death. Because the price has been paid in full by the work of Jesus on the cross, God's justice towards us is eternally satisfied. This is peace with God; the battle between God and us is finished - and He won. This peace can only come through our Lord Jesus Christ. He and His work is our entire ground for peace. In fact, Jesus is our peace. (Ephesians 2:14)

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The Son given is the sacrifice Calvary, the cross. He did that when you were still His enemy.

WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?

The teaching of justification by faith is what separates biblical Christianity from all other belief systems. In every religion, and in some branches of what is called "Christianity," man is working his way to God. Only in true, biblical Christianity is man saved as a result of grace through faith.

The word justified means "pronounced or treated as righteous." For a Christian, justification is the act of God not only forgiving the believer's sins but imputing to him the righteousness of Christ. The Bible states in several places that justification only comes through faith (e.g., Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:24). Justification is not earned through our own works; rather, we are covered by the righteousness of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5). The Christian, being declared righteous, is thus freed from the guilt of sin.

JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION

Justification is a completed work of God, and it is instantaneous, as opposed to sanctification, which is an ongoing process of growth by which we become more Christlike (the act of "being saved," cf. 1 Corinthians 1:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:23). Sanctification occurs after justification. Sanctification is the cleaning process so that we become more usable for God.

Understanding the doctrine of justification is important for a Christian.

- First, it is the very knowledge of justification and of grace that motivates good works and spiritual growth.
- Justification leads to sanctification.
- The fact that justification is a finished work of God means that Christians have assurance of their salvation. In God's eyes, believers have the righteousness necessary to gain eternal life.

WE CANNOT EARN YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN

Since justification comes by faith in Christ, based on His work on our behalf, our own works are disqualified as a means of salvation (Romans 3:28). Justification by works is a different gospel - But they are teaching "a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all" (Galatians 1:6–7).

Without an understanding of justification by faith alone, we cannot truly perceive the glorious gift of grace—God's "unmerited favor" becomes "merited" in our minds, and we begin to think we deserve salvation. The doctrine of justification by faith helps us maintain "pure devotion to Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3). Holding to justification by faith keeps us from falling for the lie that we can earn heaven. There is no ritual, no sacrament, no deed that can make us worthy of the righteousness of Christ. It is only by His grace, in response to our faith, that God has credited to us the holiness of His Son. Both Old and New Testaments say, "The just shall live by faith" (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38).

SIN CAME THROUGH ONE MAN (Rom 5:12)

Sin entered into the world by one man, Adam. The offence came free, but so also does salvation for those who believe. By one man's offence death came into this world. By one man's obedience (Jesus), life came into this world. By the obedience of One (Jesus), many are made righteous. We often believe in a partial redemptive view, meaning that Jesus' work was not complete. We often think that Adam's ability to plunder humanity into sin is greater than Jesus' ability to deal with sin.

Rom 5:15-17

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

CONTINUE IN THE FAITH WALK

Many Christians begin in grace by faith, but then think that they will go on to perfection and maturity by dealing with God on the principle of law - on the ideas of earning and deserving. Paul spoke against this very point in Galatians 3:2-3 and Galatians 5:1-4.

Standing in grace means that:

- I don't have to prove I am worthy of God's love
- The door of access to salvation and a relationship with God is open to me
- I am free from the "score sheet" - the account is settled in Jesus
- I spend more time praising God and less time focusing on my sin

Romans 5:18-19

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

ARE YOU HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN?

Do you live with a longing for God's reality? Is your faith drawing you towards heaven?

Heaven is the reality that you get to be with the One that loves you, that died for you, that saved you. Jesus does not want anyone to go to hell, it's your choice once you have heard the truth.